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A Flower in the Midst of the Ashes

by Andrew Johnson

This month I was walking along the burned-out basement of the old dorm looking at all the debris that remains inside. I was amazed to see several plants ready to blossom into beautiful flowers, where the flower garden once was, just outside the walls. This area had been burnt, buried by ash and debris, and trampled by equipment. In the midst of the ashes God caused beauty to reappear.

That is what we are looking for as we prepare for our camp season. Many have asked us what our plans are for rebuilding and where we are going to put all the kids this summer. And our response is always the same, "We are waiting on God and knowing He will provide a plan when He is ready." When we are done with whatever we build we want to say that it was God's design, and when we tell the story, it all points to God, since this is His Mountain.

Where will we house the kids??? We are not sure yet, but we will still have camp, we will still have a place to feed them, and we will still preach Jesus. We are looking at converting half of the Gym into temporary housing just for this summer or until we have permanent buildings in place. We have even agreed that, if need be, we could have camp in tents, and if that was God's will, then He would provide the tents. Right now we have 60 beds that are ready to be used. We would like to have a place for 40 more this summer.

What are our plans on building new dorms and rebuilding something on the old foundation?? We are still seeking vision of what will sit on the old dorm's foundation, what the new dorms will look like, and where will they be. Bryan has been drawing plans to reconstruct the hill that runs behind the Apartments, the Gym, and on past the pond. There would be a gradual slope and it would open the camp up, giving us more building locations that would allow us to expand in the future, should that be necessary. We have been very restricted in the past because of the steep wooded bluff in which the camp is located. This is one of many ideas on the table that we are praying about and seeking God's direction for.

We don't want to move forward until we KNOW without a doubt that God is in what we are doing. And so we wait. We can build great structures that will house many students, but what good will it be if God is not in the building? *Psalms 127:1—Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.*

In a few years, when looking back on the Dorm fire, we will be able to tell how He made a flower bloom in the midst of the ashes. God is about to take a dark, ugly circumstance and turn it into a beautiful creation. What will it be? I guess we will have to wait until it blooms.

We have open weekends!

for outside groups

May 14-16

May 28-30

the office is moving... to a temporarily permanent location in the chapel

Let's Work!

Saturday, May 15

through

Saturday, May 22

We're always working during the week, so please let us know if you can join us, or if you can come on one or more of these designated work days. Overnight lodging and meals will be provided.

Come see what God is doing and where we believe He's moving here at the camp, and join us in a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication.



God's Mountain Groundbreaking & Prayer of Dedication Day

Sunday, May 23rd

Lunch will be served at 1:30pm

Prayer & dedication will begin at 2:30pm



My year-long stay at the mountain has given me a chance to see many servants of the Lord come and go—young and old, short and tall, funny and not-so-funny, athletic and trip-over-their-shoelaces, some skilled and some unskilled yet willing—red and yellow, black and white—you get the point. These people see the riches in serving a King Who has done a work in their hearts that has been so deep and so true that they can serve no one but Him. God's love compels us to give back, not to earn His love but to pour out the abundance that He has given us. I will tell you about a couple that have stuck out to me (but will not tell you which labels apply... wink).

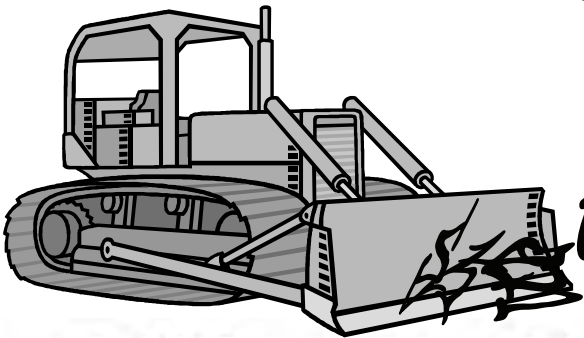
In my mind, biscuits and gravy would be a dandy meal for just about every meal, and believe me, there is one man ordained by the Lord to make them. Leroy has been serving here many years, and he cooks with such a servant's heart. He has always greeted me with a warm smile and a good ole bear hug. He and his wife slave away in the kitchen and have cooked enough meals here to feed a football team for an entire season.

And then there's Tim, a carpet and tile installer, who came for a volunteer week and just kept coming back. He has been diligent at completing high quality flooring and shower projects, and in addition he also gathers materials, has arranged for a large donation of tile, willingly shares his trade skills, and graciously accepts my coffee making and serving attempts.

These two men exemplify what many volunteers exhibit in their time at the Mountain. And I say this not that men would be praised, but that we could praise the Lord for all He has done in us. What a privilege He gives us to serve Him, to love others with Christ's love, and to walk with Him daily.

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." - Romans 12:6-8

- Bryan Royle (with help from Ty and Jessi)



the mountain is on the move...
 A portion of the vision that God seems to be revealing is that we will be moving some dirt—and by some, we mean lots!—to make room for camp and whatever God has in store for the future.

It's His, and we're trying to listen, trust and obey!

2010 Summer Camp Schedule

		1 JUNE		2		3		4		5	
				Leaders in Training (L.I.T.)							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12					
4th-6th Boys B-ball				----Outside Group--							
13	14	15	16	17	18	19					
-----		L.I.T.	K-3rd Kids Camp	4th-6th Kids Camp							
20	21	22	23	24	25	26					
		L.I.T.	K-3rd Kids Camp	4th-6th Kids Camp							
27	28	29	30	1 JULY	2	3					
		L.I.T.	K-3rd Kids Camp	4th-6th Kids Camp							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Jr High Boys Outdoor Adventure Camp											
11	12	13	14	15	16	17					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24					
-----Sr High Boys Derby Week-----											
25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
-----Sr High Girls Camp-----											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					
-----Jr High Girls Camp-----											
AUGUST											

Current Needs

Paper Goods:

- Plates, cups, bowls
- Paper towels & toilet paper

Cleaning Supplies:

- Multi-purpose cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- (we are now stocked up on glass cleaner)*

- Bleach
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher soap
- Liquid hand soap refills
- Laundry detergent

General:

- Trash bags (13, 33, 55 gallon)
- Light bulbs
- Reams of paper (legal & letter sizes)

Food:

- Hamburger

Equipment:

- New vacuums
- Color copier or fast color laser printer
- Small air compressor
- Chainsaws
- Bulldozers (D8)

Volunteer Help:

- Camp cleaning
- Camp laundry
- Construction & maintenance
- Data entry for camp registrations

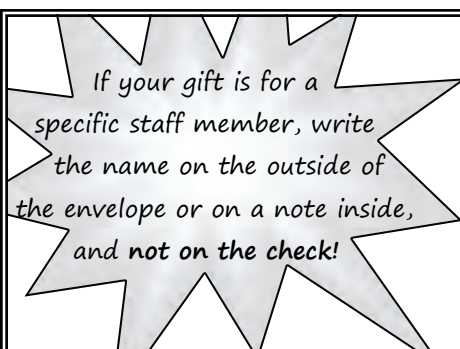
Cars:

- Some staff members need cars—if you can help, call Johnny at 816.261.6931
- Derby Cars—if you have an old car that needs work, we may be able to use if for the Demolition Derby. If it is still drivable, we will give it to someone the Lord shows us is in need.

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